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LOCAL

A rumor was circulated on the streets of Paw Paw Thursday afternoon that Germany had surrendered and the war was over. People were wild with joy, and forthwith planned an immediate celebration. A message however from the Editorial rooms of the Kalamazoo Gazette to The True Northerner at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon stated the facts to be as follows:—

About 1:00 o'clock Secretary of State Lansing flashed a message over the country from Washington, that the Supreme War Council of the Imperial German Government had started for General Foch's headquarters to get the terms of the Armistice as agreed upon by the Allied Governments.

Whether or not the terms will be accepted is another question. It is probably the beginning of the end. But until the armistice is signed by the representatives of the German Government, and the conditions of such armistice are fully complied with, the fight will continue in all its unabated fury to the bitter end.

The Winona Mills announcement appears in this issue. Your attention is invited.

Judge and Mrs. David Anderson and three children spent Saturday in Kalamazoo.

A nine pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harvey on Thursday, October 31st.

Carl Wolfe and daughter Agnes of Detroit were guests at the Blaine Warner home last week.

The County Association L. O. T. M. which was scheduled for Lawrence on November 15th, has been indefinitely postponed.

Chaplain C. H. Heaton and Lieut. Mark Chaffee were among the boys who came home from Camp Custer to vote last Tuesday.

M. J. Grenell left on Thursday for the Southland to spend the winter. He will visit at the John Young home in Virginia, also in Richmond, New Port News and Norfolk. He expects to return to Paw Paw some time next April.

H. M. Ayars returned Monday from Chicago. He was permitted on Sunday to spend One Hour with his son James who has been very ill with pneumonia in the hospital at Camp Grant. He is now convalescent and able to sit up a little.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leighty had the misfortune to lose their baby. The little one was sick but a short time. The funeral was held on Wednesday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Leighty have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Rev. James C. Brown and wife returned the first of the week from Bristol, Indiana where they were called by the serious illness and death of Mrs. Brown's sister. She was a teacher in the schools of that city, and her passing is particularly sad. She was stricken with the Influenza, and survived but a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have the sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

James Sylvester, one of the prominent business men of Lawton passed away last Wednesday morning after a brief illness. He was stricken with Influenza which resulted in pneumonia and his death. The funeral will be some time this Friday afternoon. Deceased had not yet reached middle age, and his death was a great shock to the community where he had always lived and commanded the respect and high esteem of everybody. He leaves a wife and one child, a daughter six years of age.

The True Northerner acknowledges receipt of two copies of "The Stars and Stripes." One sent to Free Salisbury by his son Ward from France, and the other to F. O. Cochran by his son Clyde who is a member of an Aero Squadron now in England. "The Stars and Stripes" is the official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Force across the sea. It is a bright newsy paper of eight seven column pages, full of interesting items pertaining to the war that are of special interest to the soldiers. It also contains some news from the states.

Advertised Letters—Mr. Oral Jackson, Mr. Mike Grigoric, Mrs. Hare, Miss Marion Gillete.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Winslow are the happy parents of a fine baby boy born to them last Wednesday.

Arba Hawley is still in the hospital at Kalamazoo but is improving slowly from a siege of typhoid fever.

William Stoddard of Grand Rapids was in Paw Paw Thursday. He was at one time a resident of Paw Paw.

Judge L. B. Des Voignes went to his home town, Cassopolis, Tuesday to vote, returning to Paw Paw in the evening.

LaRue Chappell has received notice that his application for admission to the Officers' Training Camp has been accepted, and he will report for duty soon.

Attention is called to the auction "ad" in this issue for Rev. E. J. Forsythe of Lawrence. The sale will be next Tuesday, November 12th, on what is known as the "Engelhart Farm" on the west shore of Lake Cora.

C. A. Weidenfeller, formerly Representative from Van Buren county in the state legislature, was returned in the election Tuesday as Representative from Kalamazoo county. His election is pleasing to his host of Van Buren county friends. Congratulations, Weid!

Duane Mosier of the Attorney General's department and Paul Broughton of the Insurance department, both of Lansing, were home for the week end, and remained over for election Tuesday. Duane while here took a physical examination for admission to some Military Officer's training camp.

The Michigan Agricultural College declares that more than 55,000 high-bush barberries were destroyed in Michigan during the campaign conducted last summer to drive this bush from the state. There still remain however especially around old country places and in cemeteries many barberry bushes and the co-operation and assistance of every citizen is requested in the extermination of this dangerous shrub.

Carl Mosier of Dowagiac, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Mosier of Paw Paw was elected to the office of Prosecuting attorney of Cass County last Tuesday by approximately 1100 over his democratic opponent. This splendid majority in a county which is ordinarily considered "Close" in any campaign is a wonderful tribute to the efficiency as an attorney, and popularity as a citizen of the former Paw Paw boy. Congratulations, Carl!

Alumni of the M. A. C.—such of them as are not in France—will go back to the campus on November 16th for their annual autumnal reunion. A foot ball game between the M. A. C. and Notre Dame teams, with an athletic tournament and military review by members of the Student army training corps of the college will be the central feature of the reunion ceremonies. Invitations to attend have been extended to the public and to a number of notable guests by the college.

George B. Gould, register of deeds elect, was in Paw Paw the first of the week. He is at present taking treatment at the Burleson hospital in Grand Rapids, but expects to move his family to Paw Paw soon. He has rented the Butterfield residence, formerly occupied by Deputy Sheriff Cone. Mr. Gould is probably the youngest man ever elected to the office of Register of Deeds of Van Buren county. He will assume the duties of the office on January 1st, next.

On December 1st, next, there will be established at Camp Fremont, California, an Infantry Officers Training School capacity 20,000 students, for the purpose of turning out Second Lieutenants of Infantry. All draft registrants between the ages of 18 to 46 years are eligible, except registrants in deferred classification on account of industry, occupations or employment including agriculture. Physical requirements are those for general military service. Information and the necessary blank forms may be obtained from the Military Training Camps Association, at 821 Michigan Trust Building, Grand Rapids, or The Military Training Camps Association at Marquette, Michigan.

Ralph Jennings has recovered from his recent illness and able to be out.

There will be a regular meeting at the I. O. O. F. lodge rooms this Friday night.

Beautiful spring like weather has been the Weatherman's program for the past week.

The Three Link Sewing Bee will meet at the home of Mrs. J. A. Riedl on Thursday afternoon, November 14.

Don't forget that the Idle Hour theatre opens again on Saturday night of this week. Mr. Reeves announces a fine program for the opening night.

M. H. Young returned Saturday from an auto trip to Lansing, Ionia, Big Rapids and Grand Rapids. His brother Dr. G. F. Young of South Haven accompanied him on the trip.

A letter from Warner M. Stoughton states that he has sold his business interests in South Haven and moved to 1114 Maywood Avenue, Kalamazoo. He orders The True Northerner sent to his new address.

If you are planning an auction this Fall, call at The True Northerner office and let us explain our plan of advertising. We guarantee the requisite publicity and can save you money.

Dr. J. E. Gilkey leaves for Northern Michigan on a hunting trip today (Friday). He announces to his patrons that his dental rooms will be closed until his return, probably about two weeks. Mrs. Gilkey will accompany him on the trip.

On Halloween night a small row boat disappeared from the rear of The True Northerner building. It's present whereabouts are unknown to the owners, and any information relative to the same will be gratefully received at The True Northerner office.

Several parties are leaving this week on their annual hunting trip. Some of them are making the trip by auto. Among those to travel overland are the Dwight Barker, Ray Danger, C. W. Van Tassel party, and the Buskirk, Sheldon crowd.

A card received by local relatives states that Miss Bess Harrison is on her way to France for Red Cross service probably at the front. Her transfer is particularly gratifying to her Paw Paw friends as she was one of a very few in the camp where she has been serving, to be recommended by the Colonel for Overseas duty.

As usual the election returns Tuesday evening were received and tabulated at the Chappell cigar store. Several from out of town drove here to get the figures as they came in and telephone calls from about the county were frequent. The operators of the local telephone exchange are entitled to much credit for the splendid service rendered during the evening.

The construction division of the Army is without doubt the most extensive organization of its kind in the history of the world. The approximate value of construction projects undertaken by this branch of the Government since the United States entered the war is one billion dollars. The figures representing the material used and the men employed are staggering. 250,000 workmen have been under the control of the Division at one time. Among the Division's present urgent needs are fifty chiefs of survey party at \$2,700 to \$3,000 a year; fifty transit men at \$2,400 a year; twenty-five level men at \$2,100 a year; 125 rodmen at \$1,800 a year, and fifty telegraphic draftsmen at \$2,100 a year. These positions are open to men only, except the drafting positions, which are open to both men and women. All of the positions are in the civil, not the military service. Persons interested should apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. or to the secretary of the local board of civil service examiners at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Paul, St. Louis, New Orleans, Seattle or San Francisco. Applicants will not be required to undergo a written examination, the examination being of the "nonassembled type," that is, the ratings will be based upon education, training, experience and physical ability as shown by the applications and corroborative evidence. These positions offer an excellent opportunity for patriotic service, and the Civil Service Commission urges qualified persons to apply without delay.

M. H. Young and family motored to Kalamazoo on Wednesday.

Bennett McKinstry who has been on the sick list is able to be out again.

Joe Coy has been very ill with Influenza but is better at this writing.

Regular Communication Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. next Tuesday evening, November 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Della Allen of Lawrence were Paw Paw visitors on Thursday.

Charles Clancy of Detroit was a Paw Paw visitor on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Etoile Allen was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cummings on Wednesday.

Will Showerman came home from Battle Creek for a visit with home folks last Sunday.

Charley Burns, Harry Reidel and Clarence Goodrich of Camp Custer and Hugh Neale of the Great Lakes took advantage of the opportunity to spend a few hours at home on election day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Towers of Mattawan were in Paw Paw Wednesday morning. They are planning to leave next week for Quincy, Michigan where they will spend the winter.

The Influenza Epidemic locally and elsewhere about the state now seems to be on the wane. No new cases have been reported locally for several days, and the sick ones are all convalescent. The schools opened again Monday, and by the end of the week it is probable that the entire quarantine will be lifted. The physicians of the village, nurses, and women in general are deserving of a place on the Roll of Honor for the sacrifices made, and the efforts put forth to care for the sick during the critical period.

The question is frequently asked as to the amount of salary paid officers in the U. S. Army. Following are the official figures:—2nd. Lieutenants, \$141.67 per month; 1st. Lieutenant, \$166.67 per month; Capt. \$200.00 per month; Major, \$250.00 per month; Lieutenant Colonel, \$291.67 per month; Colonel, \$333.33 per month; Brigadier General, \$500.00 per month; Major General, \$666.67 per month; Lieutenant General, \$750.00 per month; General, \$833.33 per month. The pay of a private is \$30 per month; Private First Class, \$36.00 per month; Sergeant, \$38.10. These salaries are more than double that paid in Germany, and a little more than double paid by France. In Great Britain, the pay of privates, commissioned officers, and commissioned officers down to Lieutenant General is considerably less than that paid in the United States. For the two highest ranks however, Lieut. General and General, the pay is much higher; for the former, \$850.00 per month, and for General, \$1380.33 per month.

Following are extracts from a letter from Will Rickerson of San Diego, renewing his subscription to The True Northerner:—"We are always watching for the Northerner, but of late we do not get it until Thursday or Friday, when we used to get it on Wednesday, but then it is all the more welcome when we do get it. I noticed what you said in the Northerner about my old friend Charlie Leach, but just let me tell you he has just one more guess coming, for we have his country beat more than a mile when it comes to climate. They are all right over there in the winter, but when it comes to all the year, I do not believe that there is any place on the earth that beats San Diego, and I would like to prove it to either of you or both of you, and let me say right here that if either of you come to the Coast for the winter, do not let your friends up at Los Angeles fool you into believing that Los is the place to winter in. It is not, but San Diego is. We are all of us feeling fine at the present time, there is a very few cases of the 'Flu' here, it is very light. The real estate business is rather quiet here just now owing to so many liberty loans, but then I have no kick coming, for this terrible war must be won, and those cursed Germans must be taught a lesson that they will not forget and it takes money to run a nation like ours, and more especially during this great struggle, and let's hope it will not last very much longer. Remember us to all our friends in Paw Paw."

There will be a regular meeting of the O. E. S. at the Lodge rooms on Wednesday evening, November 13th.

Mrs. H. M. Ayars has been selected as chairman of the Antwerp township Junior Red Cross organization; Mrs. Boyd Clapper, Treasurer and Mrs. F. G. Newland, Secretary.

Manager Reeves announces that the Idle Hour theatre will open again next Saturday night, with a fine program. The closing order has been a real hardship to Mr. Reeves, but he makes no complaint. He is hoping however for a liberal patronage when the theatre again opens. Remember Saturday night of this week will be the first.

Mrs. J. C. Maxwell who has charge of sending the Christmas boxes to the soldiers on foreign soil, announces that Mrs. John Haworth was the first to present the foreign shipping label, and Miss Ione Reynolds the first to send in the box ready for shipment. This box is now on its way to Hoboken, New Jersey, and from there will be sent across. No Christmas box can be sent without this Foreign Label, and the boxes must be obtained from Mrs. Maxwell. She wants it made plain to the parents and friends of the boys that all labels must be presented to her not later than November 15th. Those that come after that date will be too late. Lieutenant Robert Dillon has sent three extra labels to Mrs. Maxwell and these will be used to send boxes to boys who would not otherwise be remembered at Christmas time.

Hannah Northam was born in the state of New York on March 20th, 1848 and died at the home of her daughter in Porter, November 1st, 1918, aged seventy years, ten months and eleven days. When eight years old she came with her parents to East Arlington, which, with the exception of four years spent in Minnesota, has been her home since that time. On February 27th, 1872, she was married to Jasper Burrell. To this union three children were born. Capt. Henry J. Burrell, now in the medical department of the U. S. Army at Chattanooga, Mrs. Fred Unrath of Porter, at whose home she died, and Herbert who passed away three years ago. She leaves five grand children, one of whom, Burl Unrath, was expecting to leave New York for France the day she died; One sister, Mrs. Ford Murch lives in Mattawan; Three other sisters and one brother are in the far west. In early womanhood she joined the East Arlington church, and for some years was its clerk. She was taken back to her old home for funeral services and burial. Rev. I. P. Bates who was her teacher sixty-one years ago, and later her pastor for eight years, officiated.

Letter from Paul Neale, Co. C 334 Battalion, Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Pa. to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Neale of Paw Paw.

Dear Folks:—Well this is the end of another Sunday in camp. This morning I was unable to go to the meeting at the "Y" tent, because we had to go to the infirmary for our second shot in the arm and to get our throats sprayed. We have our throats sprayed every day as a preventative for the "Flu". Went to town this P. M. and strolled around. Went out to the cemetery and looked around some. That is the main cemetery. It really is scattered all around the country side. There are monuments erected all over.

This is certainly a great life. The stories which are so often heard are not true as far as this camp is concerned. We have the best of care and food. Our menu for dinner today was roast beef, sweet potatoes, gravy, rice pudding, bread and jelly and coffee. Second and even third helpings if wanted, but I could not get away with all of the second because they were so liberal. Don't believe any stories you hear. We have fine officers and they treat the men good. Monday Evening.

This has been a real hard day for us. We were kept at work cleaning up for about two hours this morning, then spent another hour with exercise then were instructed in the school of a soldier and drilled. After dinner it was more instruction in the school of the soldier, more drill, and to top it off a four mile hike with our guns. Everybody was tired when night came.

Have to clean my gun some more, as we have inspection tomorrow, so will say Good night.

Ford Wilber is recovering from his recent illness and is able to be out again. The same is true of Will Howe. Both the boys look a little weak and pale yet, but they will soon be good as new.

Attention is called to the two Auction Sales advertised in the columns of The True Northerner last week. One for E. E. Pierce on the Almena road one half mile north of the Acorn School House, Saturday afternoon of this week; the other for D. J. Treat on the Charles Hoskins farm three and one half miles north of Paw Paw on the Gobles road next Monday, November 11th, commencing at 10:00 o'clock. Both are good sales and should draw a good crowd. B. J. Rix is auctioneer and B. F. Warner clerk of both auctions.

Election day Tuesday dawned bright and Spring like, a typical republican day, notwithstanding the fact that "Politics had been adjourned" for some time. The vote throughout the state was light, owing to the fact so many of the boys are away in the service of their country, and also to the fact that many in the country districts considered their work of digging potatoes and other unfinished labor more important than their franchise.

The interest in Van Buren county, and in fact every county centered around the contest for United States senator. Early reports from Detroit election night indicated Commander Newberry's election by an overwhelming majority of at least two to one. That was before the returns from industrial centers of the state were in however, and when these figures began to come in the results threw a scare into the Newberry camp, that did not entirely fade away until Thursday morning when the balance showed a safe margin on the Newberry side. There are a few belated returns yet to come from remote districts and it is probable that the Newberry majority will approximate 10,000. Wayne county gave the Auto King a tremendous vote, a majority reaching nearly 30,000, and some portions of the Upper Peninsula which had been confidently placed in the Newberry columns, gave Ford substantial majorities. Kalamazoo county went for Ford by something like sixty-five votes. Van Buren was one of the banner Newberry counties of the state, rolling up something like 1675 majority.

Governor Sleeper's majority in the state will probably reach 40,000, and the balance of the state ticket will be nearly the same figure. Van Buren county gave Sleeper approximately 2,900 majority and the county ticket on which there was no opposition, nearly 3,000. Congressman Hamilton's majority in the county will be well around the 2,000 mark.

The total vote in Paw Paw township was 508. There were 295 straight republican votes and 95 straight democratic. Of the split tickets, the tabulation showed that 25 democrats had voted for Commander Newberry, and that 40 Republicans had voted for Ford. A canvass of the township now however would probably fail to locate a single republican who would acknowledge that he voted for the Pacificist. The vote in Paw Paw was Sleeper, 370; Bailey, 124; Newberry, 333; Ford, 158; The county ticket 490 and the balance of the state and congressional ticket about the same figure.

Woman Suffrage carried in the state by approximately 18,000. To these figures Van Buren county contributed about 1500. The vote on this measure in Paw Paw was Yes, 337; No, 142. So the long patient fight of the loyal women of the state to get what rightfully belongs to them has finally been won. Every precinct in Van Buren County gave a substantial majority in favor of equal suffrage, and for Newberry for Senator.

The political complexion of the next Congress has been a matter of considerable anxiety and speculation, especially since President Wilson's appeal to the country for democratic preference. Late returns on Thursday would indicate that both the House and Senate will be republican. The former by 27 and the latter by 2. Considerable bitterness was manifested during the closing days of the campaign, but the contest is now over, and the attention of every loyal American citizen can again be directed to the main job of "Mopping Up" the barbarian enemies across the sea, and focusing every effort on the days when a just and righteous peace will again reign over the world.